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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/283,938 #9
Filing Date	04/01/1999
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on *Technology Center 2600*

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other copies of references

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) 01/22/2003 AWONDAF1 00000128 192814 09283938  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17) \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 01 FC:1801 750.00 CH

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